WAS CZAR OF THE HOUSE WHEN PRESENT SPEAKER "JOE" CANNON WAS MEMBER

a One of the Three National Speakers Who liave Been Returned to Congress After a Long Laspe of Years.

The return of General J. Warren Kiefer to Congress after an absence of 22 years is of more than pussing nterest for the reason that he was speaker of the House which was ormaized in 1881. It was a fumous longress and Kiefer's pathway was sot one of roses. He became involsed in a controversy with H. V. Soynton, then deen of the Washingon correspondents, and the bitter at nothing except a heap of talk. acks of Boynton had much to do with Klefer's retirement from public ife although he was but 48 when he The reason of this is that the Judiinished his fourth term in the House, ctary Committees, both of the Senate Since then he has not been idle but and House, thus early have about conhas been prominent in civil and mills cluded that the Constitution of the Md Nathaniel P. Banks and Galusha kind of legislation which is recom-A. Grow. They had been Speakers, mended in the President's measure.

NO INSURANCE LEGISLATION.

Congressmen Will Talk, But Won't Pass Bill.

bich occurred in New York. Already been able to make much headway.

No Constitutional Provision.

He returns to Congress as United States does not provide for the

Meanwhile, a great deal of wire-pulling is going on in favor of the general proposition. It cannot be asserted that any one of the numerous bills thus far presented has the approval either Legislative experts at Washington do of President Roosevelt or Senator Drynot look for the passage of an insur- den, though it is presumed that a meas- I was ever affiliated was called the ance law during this session of Con- ure embodying their exact views will gress. Statesmen of all sorts and con- be submitted within the next few ditions will talk much about it. There weeks, It is known that so anxious are will be a great deal of discussion on the insurance people for some form of college man, who has since won disthe floors of both houses. Senators and legislation taking away from the Representatives alike will vie with States the supervision of insurance cach other in denunciation of the methods that they are prepared to paign speaker. In our rival society, is of the insurance magnates as ex- spend unlimited money in the work of the "Alpha Rho," this order of things oved in the legislative investigation elucation, but thus far they have not was reversed and we prided ourselves

ads of the Capitol have submitted to which Washington has become accus- Ours was a good deal of a debating marks that have stirred their constitutioned, it is expected that the usual society, and though I early gained onto to increased admiration of the amount of speculation as to the out- some reputation as a speaker, I was equence and alertness of the men come will be indulged, but this will either too bashful er too ignorant to hom they have had the wisdom and not effect the judgment or the conduct take part in any of the debates. resignit to send to Congress. But in of these members of Congress who have One of my intimate chums was ie end nothing will be done-that is, the final decision of the question named Grant, who excelled in that through their influence with the Judici- line and although much younger than ary Committees.

States Insist on Rights.

A factor of no inconsiderable weight aid at this juncture to the centraliza- fun and excitement. Uon movement which is rapidly becom-Imie twt.

Acrial Mail Box.

In Delaware, Ohio, an ingenious citimain roud. The hill is of loose gravel and at its flot is a small creek, lanefor and the rough, hilly road such a source of delay and inconvenience that him for his military skill and ability the leptoth out ordered the roats during the Revolution. He said I charge and Mr. Targart was directed must not allow myself to become flurhis inventive brain conceived the trol- ing with one or two of my schoolof or sor of mail box. At a convenient mates. and is the more so now because of his anybody else what the exigencies of fost.

white hair and beard which were the situation demand.

When the mail carrier reaches the The man who opened the debate the showed plainly that my here was everywhard to the garb of the clings to the garb of the old time statesman and wears at the courts is of the cpinion that a signal. Some one at the house takes should have been tried and convicted the land times an old fashioned swallow there is nothing in the Constitution the babile of the windless and turns as a trainer, and I found my olf won-

CHARACTER OF AARON BURR Defender of His Fame Was Willing

but Dich't Know Tricks of Oratory.

The first secret society with which "Omega," which was two-thirds literary and one-third social, said an old greatly on the fact that our "feast of livers and sundry lawmakers at la . Like all campaigns of education to reason" outranked the "flow of soul."

> the average member, never hesitated to cross swords with the older ones and was not infrequently the victor.

He was very anxious that I should in the matter is the insistence of near-learn to debate, and frequently urged ly all the State governments upon their me to at least make a commencement, rights in the premises, and as Congress arguing that after I had gotten over less not seem to care to lend further my embarrassment, I would enjoy the

The subject of debate one evening ag an acute issue in State politics, it was to be, "Was the influence of a remarded as altegether likely that the Aaron Burr, upon the time in which Referalization of insurance will at he lived good or had?" Grant knew be held in abeyance for some that I was quite an admirer of Burr, had read quare extensively about him, both in h tory and fiction, and said to me that this would be an excellent opportunity for me to make my de-

Grant himself was to answer one of sen by the name of Targast lives on a the cidest and best deinters and I bigh hill some little distance off the could answer the one who followed him. He coached me very thoroughly, told me to listen carefusly to what the I in opponents wood against Burr, to cite ordinary weather, but swelling rayfelly my proofs, showing he was neither & the leavy raise. The rerol career, drunkard nor a nocrone, as the short a debt assert, and then show what a debt to have his box on the main road. Mr. ried or excited, that I could occasion-Tarrart protested, declaring that he ally refer to my notes and in fact talk would not walk that distance. Then and act just as if I were simply argu-

contact of his porch he placed a wing- During the day I thought much of ass, with a small steel cable extending the important part I was to play in the down to the bex-post on the main road, coming drams, and there seemed to me; many years before and their return and is being a month by Senator around a deciv-grooved wheel on the no reason why I should not score a was notable. Each, like Keifer, lived Dryden, of New Jersey, president of post, and luck to the porch. As complete success. But as the hour of for years without prominence in poli- one of the lig life insurance companies, shown, the box is connected in this the meeting drew meaner the success. Mes but both were older when they as well as by other financial magnetiss cable, forming the link for the broken seemed to grow more produced manufal manufal back. General Klefer is now who like Senator Drylen are directly ends. The box is fitted with top and by the time the delate opened, my but remarkably hale and hearty, interested in insurance and are pre- wheels, which run on a fixed cable, thoughts were completely to yet rey like was always a conspicuous hum sumed therefore to know better than stretched tight from the porch to the and I could hardly remember whether Burr was an Indian or a Chinaman,

bailed coat cut much like the dress either expressed or implied, which Con- it ray bly, and the bex, with its burden dering how Grant could possibly angests of to-by. General Kiefer grass about regard as an inhibition in of mail, comes sailing up the wire, swer all these territies characs. But Dot other members of the The med is then removed and the box; his defense was splended. He spoke in

before he had finished I had again

veered around and found I was losing

When my name was called, I rose as

my faith in my side of the question.

if in a dream, and for about, I pre-

notes I found that I had said every-

thing about the subject that I could

think of, and if I tried to extemporize,

I repeated the former things over and

president promptly decided the case

timidly touched him on the shoulder

Grant was sitting quietly and looking straight ahead into vacancy and I noticed he had made no demonstration in my favor. Leaning toward bim, I

THE INCENIOUS MAIL BOX.

roasts back to its post. The distance | his usual flory manner and all my for-

of one hundred yards is covered in mer admiration for Burr returned and

about ten seconds, which is as fast as a good sprinter can cover the distance.

Multiplying gears in the windlass increase the speed. So far as is known,

Mr. Taggart is the first to apply this gument and fond of statistics, and even

nck," she said, "I've a last rayquist to lot of nonsense that was ever heard make of ye." "I couldn't rayfuse ye in a debating club. If I looked at my

of me, Mary!" cried Pat. springing to his feet in desperation. Mary, however, was the perfunctory applause, and then the

The English authorities are so re- and said, "Well, old fellow, did I make

against Burr.



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od Culberson, are of opinion that

there is no warrant in the Constitution

Would Spoil lis Pleasure.

A certain Irishwoman, on her death-

ed, called her husband to her side. "Pat-1

for Congress to assert over insurance lentless toward the adulteration of a complete failure" "No," he an-

5th, 1881, serving but the one term, sumed that, generally speaking, the tast year he was neminated for picked lawyers of both branches of Congress and had no very hard time congress compose the Committee on a getting the honor. The district is Judiciary in each house, and it can be erongly republican and his majority positively stated that as the case now was the largest ever given any condith committees are opposed to the General Eleter ins a great worsecord. As a upher and leader he It is, of course, possible that a bill and few equals in the Union army, may be from I bringing the subject He was practicing law when the first within the united powers of the Contituding but none of the measures has far presented meas the objections alarm of war was sounded in 1801 and he at once voice-red as a privf most of the experts in Congress who ate. Before going to the front he was sommissioned major and was prolave been consulted on the matter moted very rapidly, rearing in 1865 as ore in a semiderable element in the the Insisting that the great Chie brevet major-general and as a bright library insisting that the great Chie fier in active services. At the battle functive Marshall blazed the way for of the wilders and less be was just such an emergency as this in hi everely would had would not give famous decision defining in effect interes. He stayed at it until Lee sur- store commerce as intercourse between rendered. A born soldier he could States, to say nothing of the applies act resist the call to arms when the billity to this case of another all-emwar with Spain came on, and was bracing decision of his concerning the made a major-general of volunteers, implied powers of the Constitution. Not Satisfactory to Lawyers. up to Appomattox. At the battle of But broad as these doctrines are Ballor's Creek, General Klefer had an they obviously are not satisfactory to experience out of the ordinary, the majority of the lawyers who are Going alone at dusk to observe the members of the two committees on the

served four terms in Congress, come this rootice

eaker of the 47th Congress, Dec. sey sta

pession of 1877.

J. WARREN RIEFER AT 41 AND AT TO.

ing to Washington first for the special Senate who has a practice! have

He was chosen years declare that !

ficers the confederates followed him lawmaking body to deal with the subato the Union camp where to their ject as recommended by President

He commanded a brigade under Sheriden in the Virginia buttles that led suddenly surrounded by a large body of confederates. They could not distinguish his Federal uniform in the House. At the opening of the session fark and he was equal to the occas- Senator Culberson, of Texas, introduced Wheeling his horse about he a resolution calling upon Congress to ried out in tones of command "Atten-don, men, right about face, march." with the view of determining the dis-finking it was one of their own

ato the Union camp where to their ject as recommended by President sorrowing husband. "Patrick," said layer they found themselves prison-He returns to congress vigorous and ager for active participation in the gress adjourned for the holiday recouncils of the nation. As an ex. cess the Senate committee briefly con-Speaker he has been given a chairmansidered the proposition presented by Mr. Culberson, and referred his resoluthip and was also allowed the privilege if choosing his old seat without going tions to a sub-committee with the lottery scramble. Speaker tions to report in extenso as soon as tions to report in extenso as soon as practicable after the holiday recess.

The members of this sub-committee, lint, 'twill shoot the day for me entoire-lint, 'twill shoot the day for me entoire-lint, 'twill shoot the day for me entoire-lint, that it will 'the day for me entoire-lint, the members of this sub-committee, lint, 'twill shoot the day for me entoire-lint, 'twill shoot the day for me efer represents one of the best lightriets in Ohl containing big man-House. Many are dead and many more long ago retired to private life. Cannon and Bingham, Hitt and Payne, also Ketcham of New York.

The properties of the president Senator food and drugs that recently a sodal swered slowly, "You did pretty well for water manufacturer was fined for putting too small a proportion of carbon-line and Bingham, Hitt and line rent in the legislative department. Senator food and drugs that recently a sodal swered slowly, "You did pretty well for a first attempt, but the devil himself couldn't have made cut on which side you were debating." fracturing establishments. He has are about all who are now in the House who were with Kiefer in the

stirring days of his speakership.

Very Trying. A man who usually grumbled at everything and on every occasion, was attacked by rheumatism. He was carefully nursed by his wife, who was very devoted to him, in spite of his fault-finding disposition. Sometimes the sight of his suffering caused her to burst into tears as she sat at his bedzide

One day a friend of the invalid came in, and asked him sympathetically how he was getting on.
"Badly, badly!" he exclaimed; "and

it's all my wife's fault." "Yes. The doctor told me that damp places were bad for me; and there my wife sits and cries just to make the air in the room moist."

The highest mountain in Africa is a Uganda. On this mountain there are one hundred square miles of snow and ice directly under the equator.